

Volunteer Opportunities List



ICAN- IMPROVING CHANDLER AREA NEIGHBORHOODS

201 S. Washington St. (Chicago/Washington)

Chandler, AZ

Description: ICAN is a high-quality, out-of-school-time program that empowers youth to be accountable for their futures. Founded to provide nurturing guidance and activities for Chandler youth, ages 5 – 18, ICAN offers after-school and summer/ intersession programs which foster positive attitudes while discouraging destructive behavior.

Volunteers are needed for helping kids with:

- Homework - one on one assistance in a specific grade level from Kindergarten-8th grade
- Programs - assist staff with engaging youth in fun and educational activities
- Program Events – assist staff with the set up, registration, activities and take down of special events
- Administrative – help with the daily operations of ICAN
- Technology – help with computer maintenance and other computer related tasks

Contact: Alyssa Provencio, Volunteer Coordinator
(480) 821-4207 www.ican.org *Applications are available on line.*

CHANDLER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

345 S. California St. (California St & Frye Rd.)

Chandler, AZ



Description: The CCCC meets basic human needs, including emergency food for people in crisis in the Chandler community. Works to empower individuals and families by providing programs that develop skills needed for self-sufficiency and long-term change. Join Chandler Christian Community Center to make a difference in the lives of others. Volunteers assist a great deal with the day to day workload and are greatly needed. If you have some spare time to help in your community, please call and volunteer. Many volunteer opportunities are available for you. Bilingual abilities are an added bonus.

Contact: Elaine Leanos/Belen Donan
(480) 963-1423 www.chandlerfoodbank.org



CHANDLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

221 E. Boston St. (Delaware/Arizona Ave)

Chandler, AZ

Description: Chandler Fire Department is looking for volunteers! New training groups are starting all the time. Contact [Captain Gale](#) at Chandler Fire for information on how you can join! Volunteers and Social Workers are able to assist persons with practical or emotional needs following traumatic events, while Fire and Police personnel can perform additional duties. This partnership between all components of Chandler's Public Safety personnel ensure fast and thorough resolution.

Contact: Courtney Wood
(480) 782-2096 www.chandlerfire.org



CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

250 E. Chicago Street. (Delaware/Arizona Ave)
Chandler, AZ

Description: Volunteers are one of the most important assets to the Chandler Police Department. Many of our programs would not exist without volunteer participation.

Volunteers In Policing Program

- A year commitment is required of all volunteers.
- Volunteers are asked to donate at least 16 hours per month to the program.
- The Chandler Police Department provides all training and equipment.
- Hours are flexible and can include days, nights and weekends.

Volunteer Positions

- **Community Services Unit Volunteer:** Assist with coordinating projects and various tasks related to Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention programs.
- **Fingerprint technician:** Do non-criminal fingerprinting for the department.
- **General Clerical Assistance:** Assist with clerical duties and special projects in various areas
- **Motorist Assist Aide:** Use a marked vehicle in order to respond to stranded motorists or accident scenes. Volunteers will also issue citations for fire lane and handicapped parking violations, assist with emergency vehicle lockouts, found property calls and conduct neighborhood patrols.
- **Warrants:** Assist with preliminary background research for outstanding warrants using a phone and computer.
- **Various** other volunteer opportunities available.

Contact: Melanie Slate
(480) 782-4909 www.chandlerpd.com

community

citizen's academy

The goal of the Citizen Police Academy is to give citizens a better understanding of the guidelines within which an officer functions and a better understanding of why officers handle situations as they do. The academy combines instruction in police procedures and theory with practical, hands-on scenarios.

Those eligible to attend must be at least 18 years of age and work, live, or attend school in the City of Chandler. They can have no prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within six months of their academy application. They must pass a background check conducted by the police department.

Some of the courses to be taught include: Media and the Law, Firearms Training, Gang Awareness, Patrol Functions, K-9 Program, Criminal Investigations/Narcotics, Traffic Law, and Use of Force.

Those goals are designed to provide the student with a basic knowledge of the police function. Individuals will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the achievement of those goals.

Citizens are encouraged to contact Sgt. Jack Barten at 782-4908 for an application or any other information regarding the academy. The Department plans on holding three of these academies per year with 40 students in each academy class.

Contact: Sgt. Jack Barten
(480) 782-4908 www.chandlerpd.com



City Services Academy

The City Services Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Chandler residents to learn about their city government. The purpose of the academy is to increase understanding between City departments and the community through education and interaction.

The Chandler City Services Academy is a free program intended for Chandler residents who wish to learn more about City services. Enrollment requires a commitment of one evening per week for approximately 10 weeks. Each class lasts an average of three hours. The academy is offered twice a year, typically in February and August, and it is limited to 30 participants. Participants need to be at least 16 years old to be eligible for the program.

If you have any questions or for more information, please call the City Services Academy facilitator in the City Manager's Office at 480-782-2246.



CHANDLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
22 S. Delaware St. (Chandler Blvd/Frye)
Chandler, AZ

Description: Adult, Teen and Family Volunteer Opportunities. All volunteers must be at least 18 years old, for most projects, and commit to 2-3 hours a week for at least six months.

Volunteers assist with the following and more:

- **Clerical** — Processing-*Prepare items for the library; Circulation -Discharging materials and assisting with items on “hold;” Reference - Assist patrons with computer use and item location. Assist the staff with shelf reading using a hand held digital device.*
- **Friends of the Library** —Gift Shop -*Raise funds for library programs through retail and food sales; Used Books - Sort, price, and maintain the used book collection.*
- **Adult Education**— *15 hours of training required -Mentor/Coach/Tutor - Assist adults in improving reading and writing skills or achieving other educational goals; Small Groups - Lead small groups of adult learners in basic skills development—English conversation for non-native speakers, writing, etc.*
- **Youth Services** — StoryTraveler -*Provide weekly community story times; Daycare Deliveries - Select and deliver materials to in-home childcare providers.*
- **Community** — Homebound Book Buddy - *Select and deliver materials twice a month to homebound patrons; Ambassador - Promote the Library within the community; Special Events - Host information/fundraising booths at various community events.*

Contact: Tara Anglin (480) 782-2815

Download an application at <http://chandlerlibrary.org> (Click on *Employment & Volunteering*)

Action Committee of Central Chandler Neighborhood Enhancement Program



The Action Committee of Central Chandler is in a yearlong cleanup of the central Chandler neighborhood just south of downtown. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help is welcome. The project will involve the area bounded by Frye Road on the north, Morelos Street on the south, Delaware Street on the east and Arizona Avenue on the west. Clean up is every Saturday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. and snacks are provided. Volunteers interesting in participating need to meet at 472 S Colorado St. at the Self Help Center.

Contact: Dorsha Hale at 480-227-3529



Community Services of Arizona Community Action Program

Description: Our mission is to help economically disadvantaged Arizonans by providing programs and tools to help them reach self-sufficiency and enhance their quality of life. Volunteers can help accomplish this in a variety of ways.

Volunteers assist with the following and more:

- **Clerical Assistance**— at the CAP office or the Community Services of Arizona Corporate Office.
- **Senior Center**— help in the kitchen to serve or clean up after meals. Must have a food handler's card.
- **Meals on Wheels** — must have own vehicle and will be reimbursed for mileage.

Contact: Shawna Fellenz (480) 222-5545



LIVE LOVE DAY October 24th, 2009

We believe connecting people through partnerships is one key to building strong communities. For this reason in conjunction with the National Make a Difference Day in October, we have joined with the City of Chandler for the past 2 years in hosting Live Love Day for Chandler. This event in 2008 brought together over 400 community volunteers who worked side-by-side in a local downtown neighborhood that had been identified as being in need of some practical help. Area businesses donated materials and funds needed to complete exterior home improvements. Volunteers and residents worked together to restore beauty and dignity in the lives of our neighbors, which is one way to Live Love in Chandler.

Watch for information on our webpage at <http://www.whatislivelove.com> for the 3rd Annual Live Love Day in Chandler, scheduled for October 24th, 2009 contact Becky Medina at 480 628-2876.



City of Chandler Housing and Redevelopment Resident Advisory Board (RAB)

Description: The RAB provides input and suggestions into the City of Chandler Housing Division's Annual Plan. The plan sets forth goals and suggestions as to what services will be provided to participants and applicants, as well as how the programs will be administered. RAB members attend a few meetings each year, usually from October to March, to review the plan and make comments and suggestions as to its content and supporting documents.

Contact: Lorraine Trow (480) 782-3211

Maricopa County Head Start

Description: Volunteers are used in the classrooms with the children (ages 3 –5) assisting teachers with daily activities. A fingerprint card and recent TB test are required. Hours available are Monday through Thursday morning and afternoon. Volunteers are also needed on Fridays when children aren't present for classroom set up and cleaning and so fingerprint cards are not required. Translating abilities are appreciated. Contact Mary Mezey for more questions and an application packet.

Contact: Mary Mezey (480) 464-9669 ext. 295



City of Chandler Senior Center

Description: The Chandler Senior Center offers a variety of activities, classes and programs for senior adults. Volunteers are needed during business hours Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to assist at the facility with cleaning and organizing. It is located at 202 E. Boston Street.

Contact: Lily Martinez (480)-782-2720

City of Chandler Housing and Redevelopment Tenant Community Builders

Description: The mission of the TCB - Tenant Community Builders is to provide leadership and assistance in enhancing the quality of life for residents living in Public Housing. Meetings are held monthly/quarterly.

The goals of the TCB are:

- To promote well-being and fellowship among residents.
- To share residents concerns and suggestions with management.
- To receive and register grievances and assist toward a fair hearing by management.
- To sponsor gatherings and community activities for residents.
- To provide a connecting link between the residents and management.
- To improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction.
- To participate in self-help initiatives to enable residents to create a positive living environment.
- To actively participate through a working partnership with CHRD to advise and assist in all aspects of housing operations

Contact: Lilia Gonzalez (480)-782-3246 or by email at lilia.gonzalez@chandleraz.gov

Juvenile Probation Department

Description: The Juvenile Probation Department is actively seeking community members for its Volunteer Program and to serve on Community Justice Committees. The Community Justice Committees are committees of volunteer citizens that work with young people that have been charged with minor offenses. The primary purpose of the program is to divert young people charged with minor offenses from the Juvenile Court back to their communities where groups of volunteer citizens hold them accountable and respond to their needs.

Possible placements for volunteers include:

- Working with a probation officer, supervisor or in detention
- Working with diversion programs that include Community Justice Committees, CUTS, Teen Court, or Drug Diversion. Others may work in more specialized areas such as Drug Court or Domestic Violence
- Tutors and internships

Duties may include casework involving one or more children on a probation officer's caseload, report writing, telephone and/or personal follow-up, court observation and attendance. Assignments are based on the volunteer's preferences and skills, and offer each applicant an opportunity to develop those skills.

Becoming a volunteer at the Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department includes a written application, interview, references, background check, fingerprinting, and training.

Contact: Patti Gilbert at 602-506-4482



St. Vincent de Paul is looking for help at our Chandler Location.

We do accept community service hours from students ages 16 and up; court hours, housing and more.

If you need to learn skills in retail we could also train you by giving your time to us and helping us help others.

Description: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been serving homeless and economically disadvantaged populations since 1946. Through home visits, shelter, food assistance, employment services, thrift stores and outreach programs, St. Vincent de Paul provides compassion and support to individuals in need, regardless of race, origin, religion or gender.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Dining Rooms: St. Vincent de Paul operates five dining rooms across the Valley. Duties include set up, serving, bussing tables, and clean-up. Recommended clothing is slacks, shirts and sneakers (no short shorts, tank tops or sandals). Processing Center: The processing center receives donated goods and distributes saleable items to our thrift stores. Duties include sorting, quality checking, routing, pricing, and hanging clothing.
- Loading Dock: The loading dock receives goods collected by the donation trucks. Duties include unloading trucks and preparing them for the next day. The minimum age is 16, and comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended.
- Thrift Stores: Clothing, furniture and household items are given to the poor or sold at bargain prices at St. Vincent de Paul's five Valley thrift stores to help fund programs that assist the hungry and homeless. Duties include hanging clothes, arranging shelves, answering phones and waiting on customers. Recommended clothing is slacks, shirts and comfortable shoes (no shorts, sun tops or tank tops). All thrift stores are open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Administration: Use your skills to assist the various departments that support the mission of St. Vincent de Paul. Duties include clerical assistance, data entry, copying, filing, grounds keeping and special projects.

Hearts & Hands Day is open to families with children of all ages. Service Projects may include sorting donated items, working in our kitchen or store, assembling mailings, or putting together hygiene packs for the homeless.

Registration forms can be found at www.stvincentdepaul.net & are due two weeks prior to the event. You will receive a confirmation letter with a map within the week before the scheduled date.

Contact: Gabriela Bova, Manager of Volunteer Services at 602-261-6886

Pregnancy Care Center of Chandler

Description: The Pregnancy Care Center of Chandler is seeking Spanish-speaking Christian women to serve as volunteer counselors for young women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. No experience or degree necessary—we train. This is an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a young woman who needs guidance during a difficult time and needs training to become the best mother possible.

Contact: Executive Director, Dawn Neitzel at 480-374-2994.